RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In the last session of the Assembly, that question was answered ; and Government then said that they would consider the question.

Tube wells in coastal regions.

116. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the experiment of making tube wells in the coastal regions of the Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli taluks has been tried to get good drinking water ; and

(*b*) how far the experiment has been successful ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes, in the Karunagapalli taluk only.

(*b*) The sample water obtained at Ayiramthengu as a result of the first trial boring from springs from 75 to 107 feet below ground level proved to be definitely impotable on chemical examination. But it was considered possible that the samples obtained might have been contaminated by mixture with salt water in the upper layer, because the water had not been sufficiently pumped out and also possibly because of leakage through defective joints in the bore springs. Hence it is thought worth while to make another attempt elsewhere by making a fresh boring of 150 feet to get water from below 103 feet drawn up without contamination.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member when this experiment was first started ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : About November 1932.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member when the department was aware that the experiment already started was defective ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : The experiment was not defective but when the sample water obtained from below 75 to 107 feet as a result of the experiment was subjected to chemical examination, it was found that the water was impotable.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether the Public Works Department consults the Public Health Department as to the area where the experiment of trying tube wells for getting drinking water is to be conducted ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I cannot say whether the Health Department was consulted or not We cannot know whether there will be water or not until it is tried.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : My question is whether they used to consult the Health Department.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : As to what ?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : As to the nature of the place from where water is derived, whether good drinking water could be got by sinking wells or not ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I think the P. W. Department would know it better.

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MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Am I to take it from the member that the P. W. Department does not consult the Public Health Department in the matter ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : If the Public Worki Department wants it, they can do it. We can know whether there is water only after sinking a well or driving a pipe.

Candidates selected for admission to the Madras Medical College during 1934.

117. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*) . Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of candidates selected by Government from each community in the State for admission to the Madras Medical College this year, *i. e.*, 1934 ;

(*b*) the amount to be spent by Government on each of such students ; and

(*c*) whether there is any guarantee that these candidates, when they come out with their Medical Degrees, would be appointed in our service or that their claims would be preferred to others with similar qualifications ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Nair—2 (one male and one lady).

Nadar Christian—1.

(*b*) Rs. 1,000 per student, per year.

(*c*) No.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member whether there was any applicant from the Ezhava community ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was one applicant and he was not selected.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know the reason why that one applicant was not selected ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Because the Committee which made the selection thought that he was not fit to be sent to the Medical College.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member whether he possessed the required qualifications for being sent up to the Medical College ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He did possess the minimum qualifications, but the persons selected were better qualified and younger.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*) : May I know from the member the number of men who succeeded in the examination and who are without employment ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Medical Department has got a waiting list of 80 to 90 graduates and a considerably larger number of L. M. P's.

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